



RCMP "O" DIVISION CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
Border Integrity Open Source Results for 2022-02-13, 1000 hours

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AIM

To provide RCMP O Division with passive open source information identified on 2022-02-13 by 1000 hours, pertaining to the ongoing protests known as the "Freedom Convoy" at or near Ontario land and air ports of entry (POE) in Ontario.

KEY FINDINGS

- There are significantly less protesters at the Ambassador Bridge (approximately 25-30).
- No posts were found suggesting more protesters are arriving today at the Ambassador Bridge.
- There are several posts questioning why the protest has not been cleared given so few protesters remain at the Ambassador Bridge.
- A small encampment was set up farther away from the Ambassador Bridge.
- Clearing of a protest site may lead to displacement to other locations for protestors to set up.

NIAGARA REGION

Peace Bridge

The QEW remains closed this morning from Gilmore Rd to the Peace Bridge to prevent any protestors from gathering at the border. Police only letting health care workers access Peace Bridge. Other traffic diverted to Rainbow Bridge¹. No protestors seen as of yet, as reported by local resident.

Rainbow Bridge

No posts of concern regarding this location.

Whirlpool Bridge

No posts of concern regarding this location.

Queenston-Lewiston Bridge

No posts of concern regarding this location.

CORNWALL-MASSENA

No posts of concern regarding this location.

WINDSOR

At 0617 hours, a CBC Windsor reporter tweeted that the scene was very different than yesterday; approximately 25-30 people were present this morning (Figure 1).ⁱⁱ Global news tweeted only three vehicles remain.ⁱⁱⁱ There are several posts regarding why little is being done to clear the protest with so few protesters left.



Figure 1 Twitter post - 25-30 protesters left

On 2022-02-12 2033 hours, a reporter tweeted that the police are able to stay warm in their vehicles while the protesters no longer have their trucks or shelter.^{iv} This suggests that protesters may have left overnight due to the cold weather. The weather in Windsor is predicted to be -20C degrees overnight on Sunday^v and may cause people to leave. No posts were observed suggesting an influx of protestors arriving today.

A CBC reporter stated that protesters set up another small encampment on the road leading up to the Ambassador Bridge, but further away than before. Police have the intersection blocked off to avoid any other vehicles joining (Figure 2).^{vi}



Figure 2 Twitter post - small encampment

It was reported that there was one arrest overnight in connection to the demonstration.^{vii} No posts of concern were located in relation to this arrest.

One message posted on Facebook page of Windsor Slowdown to support the Ottawa Convoy indicates that as law enforcement action is taking place near the Ambassador Bridge that perhaps protestors should head to the tunnel (Figure 3).



Figure 3 post suggesting to head to the Windsor Tunnel

Another poster is realizing that there is police presence at the Windsor Tunnel, it is possible demonstrators realize the Tunnel is not an option (Figure). However, there is discussion that a slow roll will commence after opening the Ambassador Bridge (Figure 5).



Figure 4 Posting that the tunnel might not be an option



Figure 5 posting that there could be a slow roll

SARNIA

The Twitter account for the Sarnia Blue Water Bridge continues to report less than 15 minutes to cross into the US and Canada.^{viii} No posts of concern were observed.

SAULT STE. MARIE – MARIE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

KINGSTON

No posts of concern regarding this location.

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YOW

No posts of concern were observed in relation to the Ottawa International Airport.

TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YYZ

No posts of concern were observed in relation to the Toronto Pearson International Airport (TPIA)

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATION

With the fluidity and ever evolving situations at or near the POEs, continued live query support of open source media is warranted in order to provide updated situational awareness for RCMP O Division and partner agencies.

LIIMITATIONS

Although effort has been made to review all publicly visible social media and web sources for information relevant to this brief, the absence of threat information herein should not be taken as an exhaustive examination of potential threats. A large volume of information is available online and constantly evolving.

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